by Government; resolutions 15 and 16 were accepted with the proviso that they would be given effect to only when funds become available. Regarding the resolutions in respect of improvements to Medical Institutions it was ordered that the proposals of the Committee would be considered according to urgency and availability of funds. Resolutions 9 and 21 are to lie over for the present.

Of the two resolutions passed during the second meeting, with regard to the first, Government have come to the conclusion that the question of shifting the Civil Hospital might be dropped. The second resolution does not, therefore, arise.

(b) and (c). In view of the answer to (a), no answer is necessary.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—May I know which are the resolutions given towards the close, 9 and 21?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government).*—One with regard to the scale of diet and the other with regard to the enhancement of the allowance granted to rural dispensaries.

Medical Inspection—School children.

64. **Mr. A. Narayana Menon** (*Vyttila*).—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether Medical Inspectors of Schools prescribe treatment for children examined by them and whether any provision is made for the treatment of such children;

(2) has the Government received any proposal for improving the present system of medical inspection of children; what is the nature of the proposal; what action, if any, has been taken on it?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government).*— (1) Yes. In certain cases. There is provision to treat the children in all hospitals and dispensaries.

(2) Yes. The proposal was to constitute a regular 'School Medical Service' manned by Medical Officers, forming part of the regular staff of the most important and centrally situated High Schools. The proposal was rejected as it might lead to considerable additional expenditure.

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Mr. A. Narayana Menon *(Vyttila).*—Do the Government think that the present number of medical inspectors is sufficient to cope with the work of medical inspection ?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government).*—It is not possible to have a larger number of medical officers.

Mr. A. Narayana Menon *(Vyttila).*— Cannot the Government ask paid men to do this work and appoint honorary men in their places?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government).*—That view was put forward but they have all to be paid some allowances.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Pallippuram).*—Is it not possible to ask the Doctors in charge of the rural dispensaries to do this work by paying some allowance?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government).*—It is all a question of money.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Pallippuram).*—Then why not abolish the system altogether. There is no meaning in continuing it unless it is done properly.

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government).*—It is being done properly.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Pallippuram).*—It would cost the Government enormously if a sufficient number is to be appointed. But would you consider the proposal that doctors in charge of rural dispensaries may be given a small allowance to inspect such schools and give them 4 annas per head ?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government).*—The present finances do not permit of it.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi).*—Is not the majority of the children suffering from mal-nutrition?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government).*—Yes.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi).*—Is the report communicated to the guardians?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government).*—Yes.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi).*—Is there any proposal to give milk to poor children ?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government).*—No.

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Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—The recommendations made at the Standing Finance Committee Meeting will be further considered.

Small-pox attacks—Nemmara—particulars regarding.

65. Mr. R. Viswanathan Chettiar *(Nemmara).*—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) what is the total number of deaths on account of small-pox in Nemmara firkah from last Vrischigam onwards;

(2) the total number of persons attacked by small-pox in each village in the firkah;

(3) what measures were taken to protect the cooly who succumbed to small-pox in Nemmara unattended on his way back from the Nelliampathies to his house in Ollur;

(4) whether there was any request from the public to remove him to the Government shed and render him necessary help;

(5) if so, what steps were taken in the matter;

(6) whether the patient developed ulcers for want of medical aid?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon *(Director of Public Health and Panchayats).*—(1) 73.

(2)	Nemmara	116
	Vallanghy	45
	Tiruvaliyad	12

(3) As soon as the patient was detected to be suffering from small-pox he was taken care of at Sirkar expense till he was cured and discharged.

(4) None while he was suffering from small-pox. Nor was there a Government Isolation shed in Nemmara at that time.

(5) In view of the answers to (3) and (4) above the question does not arise.

(6) Not at the time while he was suffering from small-pox. But after he was discharged cured, he again returnsd two weeks afterwards and was found lying in a vacant house in Vallanghy with ulcers on his arm and left leg. He was not in a fit condition to be removed and he since collapsed.

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